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1. Changes in the deployment of Soviet Army units and German Grenzpolizei Kommandos along the Soviet-United States Zone border in the Sonneberg area (M51/J40) and south of the Harz Mountains took place early in January 1951. A Soviet battalion was sent to Sonneberg from where it was scheduled, allegedly, for distribution to several towns near the border. Four towns in the Sonneberg area have actually received Soviet detachments recently, while quarters for Soviet military personnel have been requisitioned in two other towns. Military detachments have been withdrawn from another two towns in the area.
2. Four towns in the Worbis-Ellrich-Teistungen area, as far as east of Duderstadt (L52/C72), have recently been occupied by Soviet troops, and the Soviet garrison in one town has been reinforced.* No comparable activities have been observed along the Soviet-British Zone border in the area north and south of Ratzeburg (M54/T07).**

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- * Comment: These activities may be connected with the tightening of security measures along the zonal border in the 8th Guards Army area. It is conceivable that the newly-established headquarters in Oberhof may have been charged with the execution of these measures.

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- ** Comment: See a contradictory report.

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